

Weekly Views

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"Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives." ~ William James

Friday, October 23, 2009

Governor Daniels visited Branchville and honored employee Mike Hubert with a Governor's Heroism Award.

Donations to the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund can now be made through SECC using charitable code 662100. For more information on registering your pledge, please visit www.insecc.org or see your SECC coordinator.

WVCF's Advisory Board members were introduced to new Supt. James Basinger, briefed on H1N1, and told about the BMV issuing state IDs to offenders nearing release. CLIFF graduate Turner Corn spoke on how he improved his life.

PEN Products announces that Bradley Krause, Farmer Foreman at the Indiana State Prison-Farm, is the 2009 recipient of the National Association of Institutional Agribusiness (NAIA) Billy Max Moore Award. Congratulations!

Westville hosted its Education Graduation and recognized 397 offenders who received GEDs and Vocational certificates.

NABCJ members and employees from PREF and Central Office prepared food at Second Helpings, a nonprofit organization that rescues prepared and perishable food and distributes meals to organizations that feed hungry people.

Branchville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Communities held a competition, Recovery Quest, regarding various recovery and substance abuse topics to build a healthy rivalry and help offenders take interest in their own recovery.

Miami's CLIFF unit held a family education day where four families attended and discussed interpersonal relationships.

At a staff assembly, Pendleton Correctional Facility recognized Carolyn Spegal as Employee of the Quarter, Captain Larry Taylor as Supervisor of the Quarter, and retirees Loren Hartley and Larry Liptow.

A National Fatherhood Initiative representative will visit PREF to observe and photograph the fatherhood programs.

The BMV mobile unit visited Wabash Valley and delivered 216 state ID cards in two days to inmates who will soon be released back to their communities. The IDOC has processed and delivered 1,445 state ID cards in 13 days since May.

Westville offenders donated \$1,250 to the LaPorte County chapter of Children's International Summer Villages.

INDOT has worked with IDOC crews to clear overgrowth, pick up trash, and clean unit buildings. Since July, an eight-member IDOC crew from the Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit has worked in the LaPorte District.

52 Plainfield offenders graduated from the GRIP substance abuse program. Family members attended the ceremony.

A WNDU reporter interviewed South Bend Juvenile students and staff about a creative writing program facilitated by University of Notre Dame graduate students. Student poems will be in an anthology published by the graduate students.

CIF is hosting its sixth Kairos Weekend. There will be 42 volunteers and offenders participating in the four day event.

A PREF resident recently passed both the 4-Stroke Cycle and 2-Stroke Cycle, EETC technician certification exams. With the Electrical exam he passed last month, he is only the second student to take and pass all three exams.

The Inside/Out Dads program will host its 3rd Halloween Party in CIF's visiting room for 52 fathers and 98 children.

DMHA received a SAMHSA Offender Re-entry Grant, in partnership with IDOC, OFBI, ISHD, and Centerstone of Indiana. This grant will provide substance abuse treatment to those transitioning from IDOC to underserved areas.

Kairos began a 4-day program at Pendleton that will involve 22 Administrative Segregation Unit offenders.

Marion County service providers met in the Indianapolis Mayor's Office for the Ex-Offender Re-Entry Service Provider Forum. Staff from IDOC facilities and Central Office attended to help improve successful offender re-entry.

Over 60 trainers attended the Statewide Trainers' Conference. Award recipients included: Sgt. Darrell Brown, ISP, Adjunct Trainer of the Year; Kris Main, LJCF, Rising Star of the Year; Anthony Thomas, Westville, Correctional Trainer of the Year; Mike Arthur, Plainfield, and Gordon Neeley, Putnamville, Co-Correctional Supervisor of the Year; Rockville Correctional Facility, Training Facility of the Year; and Kris Pew, CTI, SDEO Director of the Year.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner